

“We are constantly rising to the occasion; knowing and believing in our student’s ability to succeed!”

– Vielka Scott, Principal

Payne Elementary School
Grades: Preschool-5

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***Committed to Excellence,
Committed to You!***



PAYNE
Grades PS-5

Elementary School

Rediscover Dedication to Education at Payne Elementary School

Payne Elementary operates with a simple vision: create a learning environment that cultivates young minds.

Payne Elementary's mission is to provide each student with rigorous, standards-based, diverse instruction in a safe, supportive environment that builds self-esteem and promotes self-discipline, motivation and excellence in learning. This includes partnerships with **parents, local community, and team of highly-qualified teachers.**



“As a 5th grade student, my years at Payne Elementary School have been ‘priceless’ because all of my teachers take what is difficult and make it seem easy.”

– T. Cottman, 5th Grader

A Passion for Excellence

Payne Elementary School believes that **school is not a place, it's a philosophy.** That is why the faculty and staff are so dedicated to your children. Payne faculty knows that every student can, should, and will learn through high-quality teaching strategies.

- **100%** of Payne teachers and professionals are certified. This includes both the general education and special education teachers.
- Payne's early childhood program recently launched the **Blue Print for Learning** program which teaches 4 year-olds to read.
- Payne has a **new state-of-the-art library** with personal computer stations, dedicated to giving our children the best in technology education.
- Payne has an excellent **aftercare program** with DCPS Out of School Time program and features before- and aftercare options.
- Payne's extracurricular programs include basketball, soccer, track/field and dance. Its afterschool program also features the acclaimed **International Hip Hop for Education** program.



Part of the DC Community

Payne has been an active member of our community for years and is proud to partner with **local businesses and organizations** for the betterment of all students.

Payne's **partnerships** include Safeway, Baker & McKenzie, LLC, Neighbor's United, The Arthur Ashe Tennis Foundation, Friends of Payne, Mt. Moriah Church, Trinity AME Church, Department of Parks and Recreation, The Washington Literacy Council, DARE, Dance, International Hip-Hop for Education Organization and the Real Life Today Church.



“DCPS has received significant resources over the last two years, enabling us to improve the quality of each and every school. You will find modernized facilities, committed teachers, and comprehensive course offerings, including music, art and technology. With many excellent schools to choose from, we encourage all families to seriously consider DCPS as a good option for their children.”

– Chancellor Michelle Rhee

